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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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SUBJECT.

Import of Firearms

Sl 1. From No 4885 the First Ass. to the Resident in Mysore
No 4885 forwards a copy of a letter from the
8/5-9-02 Madras Government regarding the
procedure to be ~~followed~~ adopted in cases of the
import of firearms from the native states
into British India.

Sl 2. To the District Magistrates & the D. C of Police
No. 4343-51 Communicates to the Magistrates re-
G.372 the wide publicity of the above
8/20-9-02 No 4343-51 P Seshagiri Rao
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* No. and date of letter, from whom, catch words to denote nature of Subject should be stated, in red ink.

*Subject Import of firearms.

Letter No. 4885 dated 5th September 1902 from the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, forwarding copy of letter from Madras Govt re the procedure to be followed in cases of — from Native States into British India

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Note

Secys remarks:—

This may be notified in the Gazette communicated to Dt Magistrates.

(Intd) H.V.N.

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Subd with a draft order for approval. Solicr instructions as to whether the rule refd to be in the G. O (viz Rule 6 of the British Arms Rules) shall be published in the Gazette.

There seems to be no necessity to publish the rule also separately

SW 12/9/02

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Copy of letter, No.1160, Judicial dated the 28th July 1902, from the Government of Madras, Judicial Department, to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

Messrs. P Orr & Sons of Madras have brought to the notice of Government that the provisions of the rules framed by he Government of India under the Indian Arms Act XI of 1878, requiring that a license should be taken out for the import of firearms from a Native State into British India, are not generally known to Europeans whether residing in British or native territory. I am directed to request that, if you see no objection, the procedure in this respect may be made known to Europeans residing in Mysore in such manner as you deem fit. I am to enclose for your information a copy of the Proceedings of Government, No.1159 of this date, which contain the correspondence on the subject.

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The Resident's Office.

Bangalore, 5 9 1902.

Copy of the foregoing letter, with a copy of its enclosures, is forwarded to the Dewan of Mysore with the request that wide publicity may be given to the procedure which should be followed in regard to the import of fire-arms from native States into British India.

for First Assistant Resident

This may be notified in the Gazette & Communicated to 8th Masters

To / Branch III 10/9/02

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Read:—

No: 4885

Endorsement, dated 5th September 1902, from the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, forwarding copies of the following:—

1. Proceedings of the Govt of Madras - No- 1159 - Judicial dated 28th July 1902

2. Letter No- 1160 - Judicial dated 28th July 1902 from the Govt of Madras to the Resident in Mysore

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Order thereon.

Communicated to

District Magistrates with the request that wide publicity may be given to the procedure prescribed therein, in regard to the import of fire-arms from native States into British India.

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Yrs. etc.
Secretary

To 4343-51 / J. 372 dt. 20/9/02
The District Magistrates
" I.G. of Police for information.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

JUDICIAL

PROCEEDINGS

Dated 20th September 1902

No. 4343-51
J. 372

Communicating to District Magistrates certain correspondence *re* the procedure prescribed therein in regard to the import of fire-arms from Native States into British India.

SBP—200—4.10.02.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

READ:—

Endorsement No. 4885, dated 5th September 1902, from the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, forwarding copies of the following :—

(1) Proceedings of the Government of Madras, No. 1159-Judicial, dated 28th July 1902.

Read—again the following paper :—

Order—Mis. No. 471, Judicial, dated 18th March 1902.

With reference to their applications dated 12th November 1900 and 31st December 1901, requesting that the return to Native States of fire-arms which are sent to British India for repair may be permitted without a fresh export license, the attention of Messrs. P. Orr & Sons, Madras, will be drawn to clause 3 of Rule 6-C. of the Arms Act Rules, which provides that, in the case of arms sent solely for purposes of repair, the Political Officer of a Native State may grant a license for import and export free of charge to the owner if he resides in the State and is included in the exemptions in paragraph 1 of the Arms Act Rules. A resident in a Native State importing a weapon into British India for purposes of repair can thus at the same time obtain a license permitting its return to him. Messrs. P. Orr & Sons will be informed that the Government of India are of opinion that no further relaxation of the rules, in this particular, is necessary.

Read—also the following papers :—

From Messrs. P. Orr & Sons, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Mount Road, 10th April 1902.

With reference to G. O. Mis. No. 471, Judicial, dated 18th March 1902, while admitting that on paper the clause quoted is sufficient for the purpose, we would point out it is in practice absolutely useless, as every European, whether residing in British or Native Territory, considers himself exempted from the operations of the Arms Act, as was expressly stated at its inception, and not one in a hundred is even aware that it is necessary for him to obtain a license to export an arm from a Native State.

We would therefore respectfully suggest that the present arrangement is open to improvement.

From the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, dated 18th June 1902, No. 3303.

ORDER No. 1159, JUDICIAL, DATED 28TH JULY 1902.

With reference to their letter read above, Messrs. P. Orr & Sons will be informed that the Government see no reason to make a further representation to the Government of India on the subject. In order to remove as far as possible the ignorance of the Arms Act Rules, which is stated to prevail in the Native States to which arms are usually exported from Madras, the Commissioner of Police will be requested, when issuing a license for the export of arms to Native States, to attach to the license a notice stating that in the case of arms sent solely for the purpose of repair by persons included in the exemptions in paragraph 1 of the Arms Act Rules, import and export licenses can be obtained free of fee from the Political Officer of the State, thus obviating the necessity for an application to the Commissioner.

2. The Resident in Travancore and Cochin will be requested to make the procedure in this respect well known in those States either by notification or circular or in such other manner as he deems fit, and to repeat the promulgation every six months.

3. The Resident in Mysore will also be addressed on the subject.

(2) Letter No. 1160, Judicial, dated 28th July 1902, from the Government of Madras, to the Resident in Mysore.

Messrs. P. Orr & Sons of Madras have brought to the notice of Government that the provisions of the rules framed by the Government of India under the Indian Arms Act, XI of

1878, requiring that a license should be taken out for the import of fire-arms from a Native State into British India, are not generally known to Europeans whether residing in British or Native Territory. I am directed to request that if you see no objection the procedure in this respect may be made known to Europeans residing in Mysore in such manner as you deem fit. I am to enclose for your information a copy of the Proceedings of Government, No. 1159 of this date, which contain the correspondence on the subject.

No. 4343-51—J. 372, DATED BANGALORE, 20TH SEPTEMBER 1902.

ORDER THEREON.—Communicated to District Magistrates with the request that wide publicity may be given to the procedure prescribed therein in regard to the import of fire-arms from Native States into British India.

H. V. NANJUNDAYYA,
Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.

To—The District Magistrates.
The Inspector General of Police in Mysore for information.

Exd—G.S.